

# House File 2220 - Introduced

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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to improvements to and implementation of laws  
2 concerning elder abuse.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1     Section 1.  ELDER ABUSE REVIEW AND REPORT.

2     1.  The department of human services shall work with the  
3 department of inspections and appeals, the department on  
4 aging, and the office of the attorney general to conduct a  
5 comprehensive review of occurrences of and laws relating to the  
6 abuse, neglect, or exploitation of individuals in the state who  
7 are sixty years of age or older.

8     2.  The review shall include all of the following:

9     a.  The current situation of abuse, neglect, and  
10 exploitation of individuals in the state who are sixty years of  
11 age or older.

12    b.  An analysis of laws in other states related to the abuse,  
13 neglect, or exploitation of individuals who are sixty years of  
14 age or older.

15    c.  An analysis of current state law addressing issues  
16 related to abuse, neglect, or exploitation of an individual  
17 who is sixty years of age or older and recommendations for  
18 improvements to existing law or implementation of other laws  
19 specifically addressing abuse, neglect, or exploitation of an  
20 individual who is sixty years of age or older.

21    d.  Other information the department of human services deems  
22 relevant.

23    3.  The department of human services shall, by December 15,  
24 2012, submit a report of its review including findings and  
25 recommendations to the governor and general assembly.

26                                   EXPLANATION

27    This bill relates to improvements to and implementation of  
28 laws concerning elder abuse.  The bill requires the department  
29 of human services to work with the department of inspections  
30 and appeals, the department on aging, and the office of the  
31 attorney general to review issues related to abuse, neglect,  
32 or exploitation of individuals in the state who are 60 years  
33 of age or older.  The review must include the current issues  
34 related to the abuse, neglect, and exploitation of individuals  
35 in the state who are 60 years of age or older, an analysis of

1 laws in other states related to abuse, neglect, or exploitation  
2 of individuals who are 60 years of age or older, an analysis of  
3 current state law and any recommendation for improvements to  
4 existing law or the implementation of new law related to abuse,  
5 neglect, or exploitation of individuals who are 60 years of  
6 age or older, and any other information deemed relevant by the  
7 department of human services.

8     The bill requires the department of human services to report  
9 its findings and recommendations to the governor and the  
10 general assembly by December 15, 2012.